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1. ARMED FORCESa. U.S. Personnel Ambushed

At 261155 May a Military Government inspection team, of two American civilians and accompanied by another American and three South Korean policemen, was ambushed by six or seven North Korean Constabularymen approximately 100 yards south of the 38th parallel near parallel marker #8 (836-1698) while inspecting the dam which controls irrigation water on the ONGJIN peninsula. The Americans were fired on by the NKC and took cover but were ambushed as they proceeded down an irrigation ditch. One of the Americans was wounded four times by small arms fire. (CIC Flash Rpt. A-2)

COMMENT: Control of this dam has already resulted in at least three clashes between the NKC and South Korean police. XXIV Corps P/R's #827, 829 and 843.

b. North KOREA Constabularymen Attack Police Box

At 270230 May the police box at the bridge over the YESONG River (941.8-1693.9) was raided by 26 North Korean Constabularymen. Two North Korean Constabularymen and two local civilians were killed and one civilian was wounded. The police suffered no casualties. (7th Div Flash Rpt. D-3)

2. POLITICAL ACTIVITIESa. RHEE Continues Attempt to Combine All Rightist Parties

A representative of the GENERAL HEADQUARTERS for RACIAL UNIFICATION, with credentials from RHEE, is attempting to organize a party branch in PUSAN. The purpose of the party is to combine all right wing parties under RHEE. (CIC P/R #125. C-3)

COMMENT: The GENERAL HEADQUARTERS for RACIAL UNIFICATION is a RHEE-sponsored unification organization, formed in 1946, of the same type as the NATIONAL SOCIETY for the ACCELERATION of KOREAN INDEPENDENCE, but has existed only in name as it is a duplication of NSAKI.

b. Re-Run of Election on CHEJU-DO

Acting upon the recommendation of the National Election Committee, the Military Governor announced that elections for the two northern electoral districts of CHEJU-DO will be re-held on 23 June. Less than 50% of the registered voters cast ballots in the regular election, principally because of the deterring effect of communist violence.

3. CIVIL UNRESTa. Rioting Continues on CHEJU-DO

(1) At 250200 May a student of the Agriculture school

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on CHEJU-DO was stabbed by unknown rioters. (MG Report. B-2)

(2) At 240600 May 100 raiders, 40 armed with rifles and 60 with spears, attacked a police box in ANDOK (930-1126). The police box was badly shot up but the police dispersed the mob without casualties. One Japanese sword and 5 rounds of Japanese ammunition were confiscated. (MG Report. B-2)

(3) At 251430 May a policeman was killed at SIN PENG LI (924-1121). (MG Report. B-2)

(4) During the night of 24 May the Myun office at NAM WAN (coordinates unknown) was burned. (MG Rpt. B-2)

(5) At 250130 May 10 raiders attacked the village of SO HONG LI (955-1121). Three villagers were killed and three were wounded. (MG Report. B-2)

b. Police and Constabulary Activities on CHEJU-DO

(1) On 23 May seven men, carrying plans of how to organize the communist system and communist propaganda, were captured by the police in the mountains at (940-1136). (MG Report. B-2)

(2) At 240400 May the police searched the village of SOOON DONG (948-1152) and confiscated a small amount of dynamite and several telephones. (MG Report. B-2)

(3) At 250200 May the police made a search of all homes in CHEJU City for rioters. Eight suspects were arrested. (MG Rpt. B-2)

c. Terrorists Activities in CHOLLA-NAMDO

(1) On 19 May an armed mob attacked and killed the village leader of MOSAN RI (970-1319). (CIC P/R #125. Police Report)

(2) At 231900 May a mob of six men attacked and killed a police box chief at his home in TONG Myun (1006-1335) and took his carbine. The same mob then went to the police box, put the policeman on guard in jail and killed him. After this they raided a police warehouse and stole two carbines, two Japanese rifles, 132 rounds of ammunition and three police uniforms. Finally they destroyed the warehouse. (CIC P/R #125. Police Report.)

(3) At 210100 May 20 rioters attacked and killed a civilian in MUSAN NI (920-1319).

d. Rightists Attacked in KYONGSANG-NAMDO

(1) At 182030 May an election committee chairman in PUSAN was shot and seriously wounded by a communist. The election chairman had previously received four threatening letters. (CIC P/R #125. B-1)

(2) On 21 May one rightist was shot to death in WOLF YONG RI (1220-1418). (CIC P/R #125. Police Report)

e. Power Line Poles Cut in KYONGSANG-NAMDO (Delayed Report)

At 152300 May five power line poles were cut between the villages of BUPORI and CHANGSAN NI (coordinates unknown). (CIC P/R #125. Police Report)

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f. Police Box Attacked in CHOLLA-NAMDO

At 220500 May a mob of 20 rioters attacked the police box in TATO Myun (984-1319), 60 policemen met the attack and 10 of the mob were killed. Two of the mob were arrested and stated that their group consisted of 50 members who had 22 rifles and approximately 1000 rounds of ammunition. Police recovered one US army pistol, 2 Jap swords and 3 police uniforms. (CIC P/R #125. Police Report)

g. Three Communist School Teachers Arrested in CHOLLA-NAMDO (Delayed Report)

On 14 May 4 teachers of the MOKPO (948-1315) commercial school were arrested for suspected connections with the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY. Investigation by the police revealed that the teachers had an organized SKLP cell unit operating in the school. One of the teachers is a relative of a local defeated candidate who publicly announced that he was against the general election. (CIC P/R #125. C-2)

h. Communist Propagandists Arrested in KYONGSANG-NAMDO

On 19 May two members of the MASAN (1150-1350) branch of the SOUTH KOREA LABOR PARTY were arrested. They had in their possession 2000 anti-election handbills and a copying machine. These men were responsible for distribution of a large amount of communist propaganda during the election period. (CIC P/R #125. Police Report)

i. Handbills Distributed in KYONGSANG-NAMDO

On 21 May handbills attacking RHEE, KIM Seung Soo and the successful election candidates were distributed in PUSAN. (CIC P/R #125. Translation)

j. Policeman Killed in KYONGGI-DO

At 262310 May a policeman was killed by an unknown assailant in INCHON (953-1252).

k. Terrorism in KYONGSANG-PUKTO

(1) At 222000 May 20 rioters attacked and beat a rightist in CHONGDO (1168-1412). (Police Report)

(2) At 212315 May seven rioters attacked and beat a civilian in CHONGDO (1168-1412). (Police Report)

4. PSYCHOLOGICAL

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5. SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Communist Agent Apprehended

A member of the NORTH KOREA LABOR PARTY who came to South KOREA in February 1947, and has since been spreading communist propaganda in KUNSAN IRI (995-1445) and CHONJU (1015-1431), was arrested in KUNSAN (972-1452) on 24 May. The police confiscated secret party instructions and dynamite. (Police Report)

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6. INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING ADJACENT AREAS

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7. OTHER

First National Assembly Meeting Announced

The National Election Committee announced on 25 May that the first meeting of the National Assembly, elected on 10 May, will be held at 311000 May in the Capitol building in SEOUL.

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